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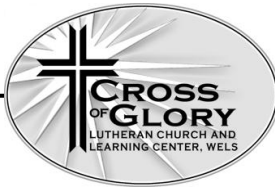
He has been raised.

—Mark 16:6

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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. This church exists for the purpose of bringing glory to God by telling the good news of Jesus Christ. If you are looking for a church home, we sincerely invite you to consider becoming a part of the Cross of Glory family. Please take a moment to sign our guest register in the gathering room.

CALL TO WORSHIP

At the pastor's invitation, stand and face the processional group at the entry of the sanctuary.

M(inister): In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C(ongregation): Amen.

M: Dear friends in Christ, today we come together to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Let us draw near to him in worship and in praise, in our thoughts and in our prayers.

Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

M: This is the day the Lord has made!

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

L: Come, let us worship!



HYMN OF THE PROCESSION: "JESUS CHRIST IS RIS'N TODAY" (CHRISTIAN WORSHIP # 157)



The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, with a chorus that repeats four times. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some parts in all caps and some in title case. The lyrics are: All: Je- sus Christ is ris'n to- day, Al - le - lu - ia! Women: Hymns of praise then let us sing, Men: But the pains which he en- dured, All: Sing we to our God a- bove, Our tri- um- phant ho- ly day, Un- to Christ, our heav'n- ly King, Al - le - lu - ia! Our sal- va- tion has pro- cured, Praise e- ter- nal as his love, Who did once up on the cross, Who en- dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia! Now a- bove the sky he's King, Praise him all you heav'n- ly host, Suf - fer to re- deem our loss, Sin - ners to re- deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia! Where the an- gels ev- er sing, Fa - ther, Son and Ho- ly Ghost,

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Confession and Absolution

- M:** Upon the hill the cross now stands empty. Morning light breaks upon the tomb. As we come before our God and King, let us confess our sins.
- C:** Lord God, I humbly come before you. I confess that I am sinful in thought, word, and deed. I daily fail to do what you command, and continually do what you forbid. Lord, I am sorry for my sins. I believe that for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ, you will have mercy on me.

M: Upon this your sincere confession, by Christ's command and authority, I assure you that your sins are all forgiven. The vacant cross and the empty grave are God's signs to you that he has accepted the sacrifice of his one and only Son. Whoever believes this simple truth of Scripture has eternal life. The Lord is gracious and righteous!

C: **When I was in great need, he saved me.**

M: The Lord is my strength and my song;

C: **He has become my salvation.**

M: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

C: **The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!**



HYMN RESPONSE.....Christ the Lord is Ris'n Today (#149)

Musical notation for the hymn response, consisting of two staves with lyrics underneath.

1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to-day!" Saints on earth and an- gels say;
 2 Love's re- deem- ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat- tle won;
 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
 4 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to you by both be giv'n!

Raise your joys and tri- umphs high; Sing, O heav'ns, and earth re- ply.
 Lo, our sun's e- clipse is o'er; Lo, he sets in blood no more.
 Death in vain for bids his rise; Christ has o- pened par- a- dise.
 God has now ful- filled his Word; Praise the res- ur- rect- ed Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

M: Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

The Word of God

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON.....Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine-- the best of meats and the finest of wines.⁷ On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations;⁸ he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.⁹ In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

THE PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 118

Refrain



This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad; ____

9 This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad! ____

Verse 1 (Cantors): Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever; Let the house of Israel say: "His mercy endures forever."

Refrain (Congregation)

Verse 2 (Cantors): The hand of the Lord has struck with pow'r, his right hand is exalted, I shall not die, but live anew, declaring the works of the Lord.

Refrain (Congregation)

Verse 3 (Cantors): The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, the Lord of love and mercy has brought wonder to our eyes!

Refrain (Congregation)

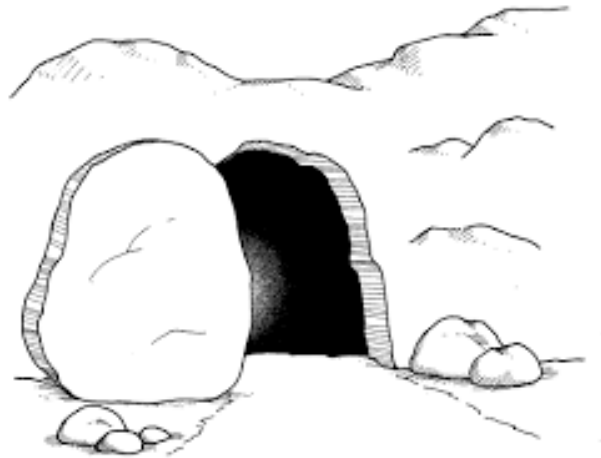
SECOND LESSON.....1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.²³ But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY (SUNG BY THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN): "Christ Has Risen!"

GOSPEL.....Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb³ and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe



sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.⁶ "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"⁸ Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY.....He's Risen! He's Risen! (# 143)



1. He's ris en, he's ris en, Christ Je sus, the Lord;
 2. The foe was tri um phant when on Cal va ry
 3. But short was their tri umph; the Sav ior a rose,
 4. Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
 5. Then sing your ho san nas and raise your glad voice;



He o ——— pened death's pris on, the in car nate Word.
 The Lord of cre a tion was nailed to the tree.
 And death, hell, and Sa tan he van quished, his foes.
 Christ, rose and now o pen is fair E den's door.
 Pro claim the blest tid ings that all may re joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav en, in ju bi lant song
 In Sa tan's do main did the hosts shout and jeer
 The con quer ing Lord lifts his ban ner on high;
 For all our trans gres sions his blood does a tone;
 Laud, hon or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,



And earth, sea, and moun tain the prais es pro long.
 For Je sus was slain, whom the e vil ones fear.
 He lives, yes, he lives, and will nev er more die.
 Re deemed and for giv en, we now are his own.
 Who now sits in glo ry and ev er shall reign.

EASTER MESSAGE ON JOHN 16:20“Your Grief Will Turn to Joy”

²⁰ I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.

EASTER CONFESSION OF FAITH (BASED ON 1 CORINTHIANS 15 & COLOSSIANS 1)

C: This is the good news which we have received, on which we have taken our stand, and by which we are saved:

Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe in Jesus the Christ, the firstborn over all creation. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of his body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood. Amen.

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

The members of Cross of Glory are happy to support its ministry with their financial gifts. If you are visiting us today, do not feel obligated to give an offering.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, You fulfilled Your promises by the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: **Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

M: In Your compassion You sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down His life to rescue the lost.

C: **Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in Your glorious triumph.**

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see Him who lives to make intercession for the saints. Keep before us the vision of Your redeemed people standing before Your throne singing the song of victory:

C: **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

- M:** Make us instruments of Your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that You have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.
- C:** **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for You.**
- M:** Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of Your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers may follow

Hear us, Lord, as we bring You our private petitions.

Silent prayer

- M:** Gracious Father, You have restored to us the joy of Your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before You and say:
- C:** **Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**
- M:** We join in the prayer your Son has taught us:
- C:** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

ANTHEM....."Christ is Risen! (He Is Risen Indeed!)"



CLOSING PRAYER

- M:** Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C:** **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you (+) peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN.....I Know that My Redeemer Lives (# 152)

1 - All:

I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head!

2 - All:

He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save.
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

3 - Women:

He lives to bless me with his love;
He lives to plead for me above.
He lives, my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

4 – Men:

He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with his eye.
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

5 – All:

He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears.
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives, all blessings to impart.

6 –All:

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end.
He lives, and while he lives I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

7 – All:

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death.
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

8 – All:

He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"



HAPPY EASTER!